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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: ETRD,

SUBJECT: GOJ INTERIM AUTO EMISSION STANDARDS

REF: TOKYO 1658

1. RE PARA. 4 REFTEL BOTH STR (MALMGREN) AND STATE (GLITMAN) MADE REPRESENTATION TO ECON MINISTER KOSUGI OF JAPANESE EMBASSY ON QUESTION OF GOJ INTERIM AUTO EMISSION STANDARDS ON JANUARY 7. U.S. SIDE STRESSED THAT THIS MATTER HAD COME UP QUICKLY AND U.S. WAS CONCERNED THAT APPARENTLY NO RECONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN THIS MATTER DESPITE DIFFICULTIES POSED FOR U.S. MANUFACTURERS. THEY NOTED THAT ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS HAD BEEN OFFERED TO GOJ, E.G., BY FORD MOTOR COMPANY, AND URGED THAT THESE BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION. THE POINT WAS MADE THAT APPARENTLY
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SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF LARGE VEHICLES WERE NOT TAKEN INTO

ACCOUNT AND THIS COULD CREATE DEFINITE TRADE PROBLEMS FOR U.S. PRODUCERS. THEY URGED THAT GOJ RECONSIDER PROPOSED ACTION IN ORDER TO SATISFY U.S. THAT TRADE IMPACT HAD BEEN FULLY CONSIDERED. SHOULD THIS CONSIDERATION NOT BE GIVEN, IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CREATE PRESSURES ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

2. KOSUGI RESPONDED THAT MIKI GOVERNMENT NEW AND THAT

PRIME MINISTER WAS FORMER HEAD OF EPA. HE STATED BELIEF THAT PRESENT ACTION MAY WELL BE PART OF PRIME MINISTER'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN JAPAN. HE SAID IT WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT FOR THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IN JAPAN TO BACK AWAY FROM ITS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM. HE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SHOULD U.S. REPRESENTATION ON THIS SUBJECT BECOME KNOWN TO THE DIET, IT COULD HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS WHICH MIGHT GO SO FAR AS TO EFFECT THE MTN OR THE U.S./JAPAN SECURITY TREATY. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE HANDLED PROPERLY ON BOTH SIDES.

3. BOTH STR AND STATE MADE FINAL POINT THAT THEY DID NOT BELIEVE MATTER HAD BEEN HANDLED PROPERLY TO THIS POINT, SINCE VERY SHORT NOTICE HAD BEEN PROVIDED, AND EXPRESSED HOPE GOJ WOULD TAKE U.S. CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT. THEY STATED THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD FOLLOW UP ON THESE WASHINGTON APPROACHES IN TOKYO. KISSINGER

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